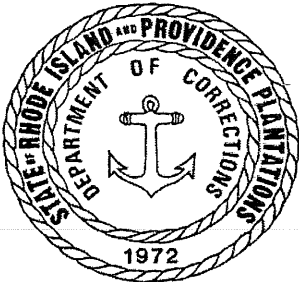



# RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

## POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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	<b>SUPERSEDES:</b> 9.34-4DOC	<b>DIRECTOR:</b> <span style="float: right;">Please use BLUE ink.</span> 	
<b>SECTION:</b> SECURITY AND CONTROL		<b>SUBJECT: - CONFIDENTIAL -</b> <b>SECURITY RISK GROUP (SRG)</b> <b>INMATES</b>	
<b>AUTHORITY:</b> Rhode Island General Laws (RIGL) § 42-56-10 (22), Powers of the director			
<b>REFERENCES:</b> The most recent version of RIDOC Policies 15.01 DOC, <u>Classification; 20.01 DOC, Inmate Furlough Program</u>			
<b>INMATE / PUBLIC ACCESS?</b> <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> YES</span> <span style="margin-left: 20px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</span>			
<b>AVAILABLE IN SPANISH?</b> <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> YES</span> <span style="margin-left: 20px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</span>			

### I. PURPOSE:

To specify the criteria and procedures for identifying security risk group (SRG) inmates, assigning them to appropriate security risk group levels, controlling their movement within the correctional system, and monitoring their actions and associations consistent with efforts of the Department of Homeland Security.

### II. POLICY:

- A. Inmates identified as Security Risk Group (SRG) members because of the nature of their crimes, associations, institutional records, notoriety, knowledge and/or backgrounds or an exceptionally high level of media attention require special tracking and evaluation within the Rhode Island correctional system.
- B. Designation as SRG may preclude an inmate from consideration for transfer, assignment, or programming.
- C. Any inmate identified as SRG is reviewed by the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) and the Director of the Department of Corrections or Assistant Director of

Institutions and Operations (ADIO) prior to any transfer, or movement. Inmates in certain SRG levels, listed herein, will have restricted classification, employment, and/or programming.

- D. All inmates designated as SRG are reviewed/evaluated annually by the Chief of SIU/designee and the Director of the Department of Corrections or ADIO to determine appropriateness of level ratings. SRG levels may be increased or reduced at any time based on affected inmates' behaviors.

### III. PROCEDURES:

#### A. Definitions:

1. Security Risk Group Inmate: An inmate who by the nature of his/her crime, association, institutional record, notoriety, knowledge and/or background, or an exceptionally high level of media attention poses a greater risk to security than the average inmate.
2. Security Risk Group: A specifically designated group of inmates possessing common characteristics which serve to distinguish them from other inmates and which as an entity poses a threat to safety of staff, inmates, or the community or poses a threat to the security of the institution (i.e., gangs, organized crime, terrorist groups, sympathizers).

#### B. Security Risk Group Inmate Identification: (Inmate Security Risk Group Membership form, to be filled out by an SIU member.) An inmate may be determined to be a security risk inmate if there is reason to conclude s/he:

1. Has been convicted of criminal behavior that has a high degree of sophistication or planning or was a part of a large scale criminal conspiracy or a continuing criminal enterprise.
2. Requires close supervision because of his/her past criminal history; notoriety of the crime, inmate, or victim; an escape or attempted escape; or history of absconding from lawful custody or supervision.
3. Requires special supervision or protection while in custody because of his/her status as a former criminal justice official, public official, informant, police officer, correctional employee, or because s/he possesses knowledge of the established security protocols within the correctional environment.
4. Is a severe management problem.

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5. Is a member or a leader of a gang or terrorist group or has been affiliated with a gang or terrorist group in the past (ex-gang member, leader, etc.)
  6. Poses a great risk to security, even though s/he is not part of an identified SRG, by the nature of his/her crime, association, institutional record, and/or an exceptionally high level of media attention.
- C. All inmates identified as potential SRG candidates are reported with all supporting data to the SIU. SIU, with the approval of the Director of the Department of Corrections or the ADIO, determines whether or not inmates are given SRG status. The SIU's determination is in writing and includes all relevant supporting data.
- D. The following is the sequence of events when designating an inmate to SRG status:
1. Investigation by SIU - Due to a referral or specific intelligence generated by outside law enforcement agencies, Departmental personnel, or any other source considered reliable or by the actions of inmate(s).
  2. SRG intelligence compiled and forwarded to the Director of the Department of Corrections or the ADIO for approval.
  3. Data entry and notification to appropriate parties (e.g., Warden, Records and Identification staff, the inmate) by SIU.
- E. If an inmate is selected for any security risk category, the first INFACITS computer screen that appears when any information about the inmate is requested prominently displays "SRG" near the inmate's name.
- F. When an inmate is selected for SRG, the SIU completes a dossier listing relevant information and distributes it according to the instructions on the Security Risk Group Designation form.
- When informing the inmate of his/her designation and the reason(s) for it, care should be taken so as not to jeopardize either the security of the institution or the safety of the inmate.
- G. Inmates may also be identified as SRG candidates at any time throughout the classification process or during the remainder of incarceration. Any staff member may, with the approval of his/her supervisor, request a review of an inmate s/he feels might fit the "Security Risk" status. [The Security Risk Group Referral Form is used for such requests for reviews.]
- H. The SIU maintains an up-to-date record of all inmates designated as SRG.

- I. The SIU assigns a security risk level to each inmate who meets the security risk criteria. All SRG files are reviewed annually to determine if the SRG level should be adjusted, unless a specific review is requested by the Director of the Department of Corrections or any Assistant Director (see item III.J.). All SRG reviews have final approval of the Director of the Department of Corrections or the ADIO.

1. Level I:

- a. [REDACTED]
- b. [REDACTED]
- c. [REDACTED];
- d. [REDACTED]
- e. [REDACTED]
  - (1) [REDACTED]
  - (2) [REDACTED]
  - (3) [REDACTED]
  - (4) [REDACTED]
  - (5) [REDACTED]
  - (6) [REDACTED]

2. Level II:

- a. [REDACTED]

- b. Any leader of a SRG or member who has been actively involved in recruiting or other activity that furthers the interest of that group (e.g., narcotics trafficking, enforcer).
- c. Any gang member accused or convicted of a high profile violent gang-related crime.

3. **Level III:**

- a. Any member of a SRG
- b. Any inmate who was previously placed into and no longer meets the supervision requirements of Level I or Level II.

4. **Level IV:**

Any ally or associate of any SRG inmate. An ally or associate is defined as an inmate who has not been identified as a SRG member, but who is found to be consistently in the company of SRG members (e.g., congregates with SRG members in the yard on a daily basis).

**NOTE:** Any inmate may, at any time, be designated a different SRG level based on his/her overall behavior (i.e., improvement or deterioration) and/or s/he no longer requires the degree of supervision assigned to the SRG designation s/he currently holds.

5. **Level V:**

Escape from Minimum Security, Work Release, or Home Confinement.

J. **Reviews**

1. Annual Reviews

Other than special reviews requested, the following schedule is the basis for an SRG annual review:

REVIEW MONTH	ALL INMATES WHOSE LAST NAMES BEGIN WITH ...
January	A - B
February	C - D
March	E - F
April	G - H

REVIEW MONTH	ALL INMATES WHOSE LAST NAMES BEGIN WITH ...
May	I - J
June	K - L
July	M - N
August	O - P
September	Q - R
October	S - T
November	U, V, and W
December	X, Y, and Z

2. Special Reviews

An inmate who is involved in disruptive behavior (fight, assault, gang-related) requires immediate review for security and safety reasons.

K. Transportation:

1.

[REDACTED]

2.

[REDACTED]

a.

[REDACTED]

b.

[REDACTED]

c.

[REDACTED]

3.

[REDACTED]

L. Classification:

Consistent with the most recent version of RIDOC policy 15.01 DOC, Classification Process, the Director of the Department of Corrections or the ADIO approves classification designations for all inmates designated "SRG."

M. Pretrial Detainees:

Housing for pretrial detainees designated SRG is determined by the Director of the Department of Corrections or the ADIO, in consultation with the SIU and facility Warden.

N. Furloughs:

The Director of the Department of Corrections or the ADIO considers all requests for SRG inmates' furloughs on a case-by-case basis, in consultation with the Warden/designee and Chief of SIU/designee. The Director of the Department of Corrections or the ADIO makes the final determination.

O. Work Assignments

Inmates designated SRG Level I or Level II are not assigned to any jobs outside their housing units without notification and approval of the Warden/Deputy Warden.